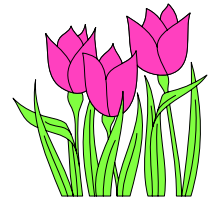


Lewis Little Folks Spring 2006 Newsletter



Office News:

Ms. Maureen Sartain, Ms. Carmella Genaro

It's exciting times here at LLF! The children have been very anxious now that the weather is warming up. There's much to do with the outdoors...watching leaves grow back, planting flowers, finding geese, buzzards, robins, and deer, and checking out the snakes (a.k.a. worms). The children are all growing so fast. Babies are learning to walk, toddlers are learning how to talk, preschoolers are preparing for Kindergarten, and Kindergartners are reading!!

We had a wonderful winter here. The children had a great time at the indoor beach party. The teachers did a fantastic job of planning exciting and fun activities for it. The children also enjoyed learning about Dr. Seuss and reading his books, and learning about nursery rhymes and fairy tales. A little leprechaun visitor came to several classrooms for St. Patrick's Day.

Our new music teacher, Ms. Tiffany, is doing a great job as we continue with our weekly music classes. As far as we know, Ms. Alane has not delivered her baby yet, but we will keep you posted. The pre-K and Kindergarten classes completed the last session of Spanish classes. We thank Ms. Dina Narvaez-Santiago for teaching these classes.

The teachers and I have a request for parents. Please mark the "Sign-in & out" sheets with accurate times of when you are dropping off your child and when you expect to be in the classroom to pick up. We rely on this information to plan our staff's schedules so that we do not go out of ratio at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you very much for your help with this.

Here is some information about our upcoming events:

Earth Week

LLF will celebrate Earth Week from April 17-21, 2006. Each day will have a theme or special event for the children to learn about our environment and how to take care of it. We have arranged to get nature kits from the Lake Erie Nature and

Science Center and Leap kits from the library. Each classroom will have one of these kits each day. The NASA Aerobus will be in our parking lot on Monday morning (April 17) for the Puppies, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners to go on and watch a movie related to our environment. NASA also plans to give the children crayons, cups, and seeds. The entire schedule of events is attached to this email.

Parents- Teacher Conferences:

LLF will hold parent-teacher conferences during the week of May 22-26 for all classrooms except Kindergarten. We encourage you to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress throughout the year and discuss any concerns. Sign up sheets will be posted in the classrooms.

Spring Portraits:

We have arranged for Lifetouch to take spring portraits of the children. Last year, Lifetouch had two backgrounds: spring flowers and cap/gown for graduating children. They will be here to take pictures on May 18 and 19. More information on portrait dates and backgrounds will be coming.

Graduation:

We will be holding our annual graduation ceremony for LLF Kindergartners and Tigers on June 9, 2006 at 10:00 am at the NASA Glenn picnic grounds. LLF provides a graduation gown for the children, and parents will be asked to purchase a cap and tassel which the children will keep. The children will all do a small song and will receive diplomas. Food will be served afterward. This is always a very special event. More information will be given to parents in May.

Summer Transitions:

We will soon be transitioning into our summer camp program, which also means a slight transition for preschoolers too. Our summer camp will begin on June 12th. Most pre-K children and Kindergartners will be attending summer camp. The summer camp will take up 3 classrooms: the current Preschool 2 room (Maureen and Sharyl), the current Preschool 3 classroom (Donna and Tim) and the gym. So, the preschool children who are currently with Ms. Sharyl will transition as a group over to the Kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten will no longer be in session, so this becomes a preschool class. The current preschool children with Ms. Donna will transition to the Preschool 1 room (Anita and Cathy). Ms. Anita's children will remain where they are.

We transition the children with their current groups so that they can stay together. Then, at the end of summer, they will all transition back to their original classrooms.

If your child is transitioning, you will be notified again as that day approaches.

For all children in all other classrooms, they will not be transitioning for the summer. We plan to be at full enrollment. The teachers in these classrooms will adjust their curriculum to meet the needs of the growing children in their care until they do transition at the end of summer. We will notify parents when we transition children.

New Staff Members:

We are happy to have 2 new staff members at LLF. Ms. Ashley Vallee is a new afternoon/evening Bunny teacher. Ashley has gotten to know the babies very well and is doing a super job. Ms. Jennifer Vitou is our new Duckling room teacher. Jennifer has a degree in Early Childhood Education just like Ms. Aurea (her co-teacher). They are doing a fabulous job with our little Ducklings. We welcome them to LLF!

Thank you!!

The staff of LLF would like to thank the Board of Directors and parent volunteers on all committees for doing an excellent job of leading and supporting LLF this past year. We are very lucky to have parents who are involved in the care of their children. It was a great year!

Thank you to all parents and staff who graciously donated and designed the classroom baskets for the raffle for the Kid's Fair. The teachers did such a great job with creativity and the baskets each came out beautifully.

Also, thank you to Concha Reid (mother of Kayla in Preschool 3) for submitting the craft project at the end of the newsletter. It is a great idea for spending time and doing a fun activity with your child.

Box Tops for Education

LLF continually collects "Box Tops for Education." These are labels on the tops of many food products that families typically buy. Please look for this on your food product packages, clip them out, and bring them to LLF. There is a collection box in our main entrance way or you can bring them to the office. LLF can earn cash for box tops collected. You can visit their website at www.boxtops4education.com for more information and online coupons.

LLF BOARD/COMMITTEE NEWS:

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT:

By Susan Kevdzija

Dear Parents,

As the school year draws to a close, so does the term of the 2005-2006 Board of Trustees.

This past year the Board worked hard with Maureen and Carm in tying up loose ends regarding the move to our new building, such as developing new Safety and Security Plans, fixing landscaping issues, and advocating for building repairs. With the help of many parents, our committees were successful this year as well. The Fundraising Committee was extremely aggressive in earning funds and spending them on items directly benefiting our children - computers, sandbox covers, and shade sails (coming soon). The Teacher Appreciation Committee was active in recognizing our teachers and showing them how important they are to us. Thanks to all who helped out this year.

Early in the year, LLF faced its first-ever enrollment shortfall and resulting budget deficit. With the support and understanding of the parents, the budget was readjusted by program cuts and modifications, expense tightening, tuition increase, and changes to enrollment eligibility policies. With NASA support, we were successful in expanding the enrollment eligibility of children to LLF in two ways. Grandchildren of NASA civil servant and contractor employees are now able to attend LLF. Further, once a child is enrolled at LLF, they have lifetime eligibility. Currently, children are enrolled at LLF under both of these new provisions.

The future of LLF can only continue with your support. Please consider nominating yourself for a Board position for the 2006-2007 term. E-mail or call me by 4/14 if you're interested and able to help.

Lastly, a big thank-you to Maureen and Carm for all of their dedication to the children of LLF. Also, thank you to the current 2005-2006 Board for their service to LLF - especially Tonyia Williams and Michelle Williamson for their multiple years on the Board. They will be joining me in rotating off the Board in June.

Happy Spring!

Susan

Fundraising Committee:

By Tina Jicha

A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Malley's candy sale! We raised over **\$1600** for Lewis Little Folks! Look for the annual Tupperware sale in May!

You will soon see your fundraising dollars put to use. We are looking at installing a couple shade sails on the playgrounds. The shade sails will give the kids some cover during the heat of the summer. We are also looking at beginning to replace some of the computers in the classrooms! We will start by replacing one of the computers in the preschool room and will replace others as funds permit!

Spring is here and the Fundraising committee is hard at work planning two big events this June. The first is the **6th annual Golf Outing!** Even if you don't golf, we need your help! The golf outing will be Friday, June 2nd at 9:00 AM. It will be a shotgun start with a delicious steak dinner to follow! The cost of the outing will be \$65. Take your chance at winning a **brand new** Nissan Pathfinder with a hole in one! Please help recruit your friends, your family and your co-workers. You will receive additional information in your kid's lockers soon!

We'll also be looking for help with prize solicitation, corporate sponsorship and some extra people to help on the day of the event. If you or your company is willing to donate to the event or can help out the day of the event please contact Tina Jicha (Tina.L.Jicha@grc.nasa.gov - x3827), Andy Scheneman (440-225-4042) or the office x5264.

The second event is the **Summer Kids Fair** on Friday, June 16th from 3:30-7:00 PM. This event is sure to be fun for the entire family. The committee is working hard to plan games, crafts, entertainment and much much more. Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults and \$6 for kids. We **need** your help to make the day run smoothly. Please contact Jessica Roberts at 3-6561 to volunteer your time!

Finally, don't forget to buy your **GIFT CARDS!** The following gift cards can be purchased in the LLF office: Shell, Speedway, Giant Eagle, Tops, Regal Cinema, Applebees, Borders (Waldenbooks), Blockbuster, Panera, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy and Home Depot. These cards make great gifts and can be used for every day purchases. Please also consider purchasing these cards when planning your upcoming vacation. We can order cards for airlines, hotels, and gas stations. Cards not on hands can be ordered each Tuesday and received each Friday!

Thank you for all of your support!

Staff Appreciation Committee

By: Doreen Zudell, Acting Chair

(Marilyn Groff, Chair, is on maternity leave. She delivered Michael Lawrence on March 6!!)

In February, we hosted a Winter Appreciation Event for the staff with the theme of "Winter Warm Up." We set up a table in the teacher's lounge with hot chocolate and marshmallows, hot tea, and a table full of goodies such as cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, and chips and salsa. The staff enjoyed the little "winter break."

During the week of May 1 through 5, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week through daily activities. The theme of "You're In Our Hearts" will offer opportunities to show the staff how much we love them. Look for upcoming e-mails providing details on the activities and ways for parents to become involved in the celebration.

We continue to recognize each staff member's birthday through a card and small box of candy, as well as a birthday sign that we hang outside the classroom or office. We have received a lot of positive feedback on this activity.

We want to thank parents for their generous donations to the Staff Appreciation Committee last fall. These funds are helping us—on behalf of all the parents—to recognize the LLF staff in special ways throughout the year.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Bunny 1: Ms. Renee, Ms. Paulette

Spring is finally here and the flowers are blooming and the birds are singing. Everyone is welcoming spring and looking forward to the warmer weather and going outside to play on our playground, along with our leisurely stroller rides.

We would like to say "Thank You" to all the parents in our room who contributed to our "**Cookie Night**" Fundraiser Basket. We had 100 % participation and the basket is filled with goodies and looks simply wonderful. The teachers decorated the basket with rabbit cut-outs and each rabbit has a name of a child from the Bunny 1 Room. It will be raffled off at the Kids Fair on June 16, 2006.

Happy First Birthday to Grace Laster on April 3, and Marty Macsay on May 17.

In April, we will be celebrating "Earth Week" with library kits provided by the library and the Lake Erie Science Center. There are puppets and stuffed animals

along with simple books that introduce Earth Week. In addition, we will be painting hard boiled eggs for Easter and we may get a peak at the Easter Bunny.

As the weather gets warmer, please bring in season appropriate clothes, including a hat that ties, and don't forget extra clothing for your child's bin.

Bunny 2: Ms. Tina, Ms. Melanie

Spring is finally here! With the warm weather approaching, please check your child's extra clothes container for the appropriate clothing. The Bunnies would like to enjoy the nice weather outside so please remember to bring hats and jackets as the weather can still be a little chilly.

We would like to say Happy 1st Birthday to Joshua Mullenax on May 9th, Case McIntyre on June 9th, and Evan Kortess on June 14th. We would also like to congratulate Jacob Linden, Joshua Mullenax, and Imani Wright on learning how to walk. Great job!

In the upcoming months we will be having some great fun. On April the 13th we will be having a "Welcome to Spring" party. On May 12th the bunnies would like to celebrate Mothers Day with a special snack for all the mothers. In June we would like to have "Donuts with Dad" on June 15th and we will be having our Kids Fair on June 16th. We hope to see you all there!

Bunny 2 would like to give a great big **Thank You** to all of our parents who donated the items for our "All About Tea" basket. Our basket, along with many others, will be raffled off at the Kids Fair in June.

Ducklings: Ms. Aurea

Winter is finally gone and spring has arrived....YEAH!!!!!! The Duck Room has some exciting news to share with everyone. In **March** we welcomed Ms. Jennifer into the Duck Room. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in December of 2004 with a BA in Early Childhood Education. We are happy and enjoy having her in the classroom. On **March 17th** we celebrated *Sophia Arbogast's* 2nd birthday and *Helina Wilson* turned two on **March 31st**. She is celebrating her birthday in Ecuador with family and friends.

Here is some upcoming news for the months of **April, May and June**. In **April** we have some exciting activities such as an Easter Parade, a nature hike, and an adventure to search for a bunny and its' colorful eggs. Do you think the Ducks can find the bunny and its colorful eggs? In **May** we will be celebrating Mother's Day and for our #1 moms we will be treating them to a special treat. Also we will be celebrating *Victoria Heidman's* 2nd birthday on **May 2nd** and *Gabriel Montero's*

birthday on **May 10th**. Last, but not least, summer will be arriving on **June 21st**. There will be a lot of outdoor activities (as much as the weather permits). Ms. Jennifer and I want to remind all parents to fill out sunscreen forms and to dress the children in clothing that might get a little dirty! We will be celebrating Father's Day with a special treat. Finally, on **June 11th** the ducks will be singing happy birthday to *Piper Anderson* who will be turning 2 year old.

Puppy 1: Ms. Lisa, Ms. Kim

Happy spring, everyone! We hope that you are enjoying seeing the trees starting to blossom and the daffodils starting to bloom! We have been busy these last months in the Puppy One room learning and doing hands-on activities.

In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day by giving each other cards and having some yummy treats! The children each decorated their own Valentine holder, hung it on their chair and passed out their Valentines to their friends. We also sang a song about "being your friend" (a song that has become very popular in our class!). Thank you to each parent who brought in a yummy treat to share! In February we also learned about the color red. We made a red collage with pictures we found in magazines, painted with red, ate snacks and learned the sign for red.

In the last few months we also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and read his stories. The children brought in their favorite Dr. Seuss stories to share with the class. We loved reading "The Foot Book" and discovering our feet! We listened to how it sounded when we walked by wearing tape on our shoes (crunch, crunch!), graphed how many children had laces, Velcro, or other ways of putting on their shoes, and we even painted with shoes!! It was a fun month with Dr. Seuss!

We are looking for signs of spring in the Puppy One classroom. We made a bird feeder to hang outside our classroom. Be sure to look out our window and see it! The children have enjoyed watching the birds eat the food that was on the ground and around the tree...AND we even saw a bird visit the feeder! The children also enjoy watching the robins and are very good at identifying them!

We are crossing our fingers for NO MORE SNOW and hoping for rain showers to bring May flowers! We just finished our unit on rain. The children made a giant rainbow by sharing colors and painting it. Look for it hanging above our cool reading corner! Ms. Lisa hung it up for us! We also made some sparkling rain drops that Ms. Kim hung around the room. Signs of spring are popping up all over our room! Be watching for more spring-like art fun in our classroom!

In circle time, we have started two new ways of introducing our day. The children clean up singing our clean-up song and then find an animal to sit on for circle time.

We begin by singing our "Good Morning to You" song. Please ask your child about this song. They take great pride in singing it and using their hands to say the words (sign language!). We are surprised at how quickly they caught on. Second, we have a "magic box". The children sit "criss-cross applesauce", sing a song and we open the box. In the box is an item to introduce our topic for the day. The children look forward to the magic box...another way to stimulate their learning in the classroom!

In another week our class, along with all of LLF, will be celebrating Earth week. There are many activities planned that will help our students learn about the environment that we live in and the importance of helping our Earth. One of the activities will be the NASA's Aerobus where the children will watch a short movie pertaining to the environment. This will be great fun just for our children to even get to look at the bus. Another activity will take place all week. LLF will be provided with many activity kits from a science center. The kits will contain environmental themes and will travel through the center to all of the rooms. We love all of the games and stories provided!! We know the puppies will have a blast this week and weeks ahead with themes including "down on the farm".

Potty training has been going great for our little pups. Ms. Vicki provided us with a sticker chart that the children really love. They try so hard and it's great! Congratulations to Cooper Flowers who is the newest puppy in the Puppy Potty Hall of Fame! Please remember that potty training is very important in your child's development. We want to have very open communication with you on what your child has been doing at home as well as at school. Also make sure they are wearing appropriate training clothes. Overalls and onesies are a little hard to work with when an "I have to go now" moment comes up!

Happy Birthday to Rohan Menon who turned 3 on March 6th. Also, Anna Luu will be 3 on April 25th. Happy Birthday! Ms. Lisa, who wishes she was turning 3, will also celebrate her birthday on the 21st of this month. Ms. Kim will be celebrating wedding bells on June 3rd. Congratulations Kim! We all wish you well.

Thank you all for everything you help our class with! We have a great love for our students as well as the parents!

Puppy 2: Ms. Nancy, Ms. Tara:

Welcome to spring!!! We are very excited that the weather is getting warmer, which means that we will be going **outside**! Since we will be going out, our puppies might get a little messy. The change of clothes will need to be switched over to spring and summer clothes. Also, if you want to bring in a pair of shoes that are able to get muddy and dirty, you can put them in the box under their locker.

We want to give a warm welcome to Hannah Jones and Sophia Arbogast for joining the puppy room! We are very happy to get new friends and wish them the best of luck.

Audrey Jicha had a Birthday on April 6th, and on May 12th, Ijalon Tompkins will be having a Birthday. In June, Sydney Peterson and Hannah Prante will be celebrating their Birthday's on the 3rd and 8th!! Happy 3rd Birthday!!

Puppy 1 and Puppy 2 would like to thank those who helped bring in all the things we needed to make our theme basket for the summer fair! We collected \$150 worth of "Fun Outdoor" items for the basket....lets hope that we win the best basket!!!! Who ever wins our basket will be having a great time when they play outside!! Thank you!!

Congratulations to Abby Williamson, Zakk Taylor, and Ijalon Tompkins for getting potty trained. Sydney Peterson is sooooo close and Zach Padula is well on his way!!! Nancy and Tara have been working very hard on potty training. We do it when the child is ready and when they show interest in going potty. We like to ask them if they would like to sit on the potty and if they chose not to, that's okay! We like to work at their pace and when they want to go potty. Keep up the good work and we are very proud of you!!!

Also we would like to congratulate the Peterson family; they welcomed a new baby boy, Ian, in February. Also the Groff family welcomed Michael in March and the Padula's welcomed baby Lyndzie in March also! The Naffah family will be welcoming their baby girl any day now! We are so happy for them and can't wait to meet them! Welcome to the world, babies!!!

The week of April 17th-21st is Earth week. Each day we will be doing something special. On Friday, please dress your child for nature shirt day! Miss Nancy has lots of fun things for our puppies to do and we are very excited!

Once again we want to stress that if you ever need to talk to Nancy or Tara, don't hesitate. We are very open and would love to talk if you ever need to. Thanks to all of our parents for working with us with your child. We enjoy working with them and love having a fun day everyday!!

Preschool 1: Ms. Anita, Ms. Cathy:

Hello Families,

Hooray...spring is finally here and we are excited for the warmer weather. Since the weather will be changing so will the items in your child's basket so be prepared for a cleanout coming very soon. We will also be sending home pillows for a spring

washing to rid ourselves of all of winter's blahs. Now that we have the official business out of the way, here's what's coming up for the spring. For the month of April we already went looking for worms, and the class found lots of them! They must have a good eye for worms. We will also be exploring water and its many qualities and that will lead us right into earth week. Finally we will take a trip into space and learn about what is outside of our planet. Some of the ideas we are working on for the month of May are involving animals of all shapes and sizes. If you have any ideas that you think will spark the children's interest, please let us know. A date we would like the Mom's to mark on their calendar is May 11th. We will be putting out a Mother's day suggestion box for ideas, so if there is something special you would like to do with your child here at school to celebrate Mother's day please drop your suggestion in the box. Also look for notices about our end of the school year picnic.

It's been awhile since we've celebrated a birthday around here, but thanks to month of April Alex Krinov gets us started off by turning 5 years old ^{on} the 14th!

In May we celebrate three more birthdays...

Scott Adkins- 4 years old on the 30th

Micaela Jackson- 5 years old on the 20th

Zoe Bridges- 5 years old on the 22nd

Happy Birthday to all of you!!

Children live what they learn so make everyday count!

Preschool 2: Ms. Maureen B., Ms. Sharyl

It's finally spring and we've been busy as usual in Preschool-2. We have finished learning all about the alphabet through games, songs, and stories. We are reviewing the alphabet daily, and continue to refresh our minds with counting from 1-20. We also are working on birthdays (Bears& Tigers) and addresses and phone numbers (Tigers only), so please help your child learn these.

In Feb. we learned all about colors, Presidents, Black History and Dr. Seuss. March was Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhyme month and we had a lot of fun with them through movies, show-n-tell, and a pajama party. In April we have started to learn about spring, flowers, our Earth, and birds.

Feb. birthdays were DeAvion Anderson (Feb. 5), Bianca Legaza-Narvaez (Feb. 9), Michael Rolince (Feb. 21), and Benjamin Roberts (Feb. 24). In March, the birthdays were Nichaela Noebe (March 12) and Claire Hu (March 12).

We would also like to thank all of our parents for the "Garden Basket" donations. Our Children's Fair basket is a beautiful contribution to the Kid's Fair.

Preschool 3: Ms. Donna, Mr. Tim

Spring has finally sprung which means warmer weather. Please check your child's extra clothes basket and perhaps add lighter clothing to winter clothes here at school. A ball cap or visor may be a good idea to shield the sun from eyes and faces.

We look forward to learning about our earth and space, spring changes, life on a farm, animal homes, and finally summer fun!!

Birthday wishes go out to: **Erin Waters** (April 17), **Kayla Reid** (May 3), **Caleb Hill** (May 14), **Teresa Evans** (June 22), & **Emma Greenwalt** (June 28). The children are growing so quickly. We have seen great strides with all of our Tigers and Bears both cognitively and socially. We continue to emphasize how to cooperate with each other, share and take turns, being kind and gentle to our classmates, and to listen and follow our teacher's rules and directions.

In addition, we would like to thank all of you who donated items to our Indians basket. We hope many of you will enjoy participating in the upcoming Kids Fair. It's a great way to have some fun with the children.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to us.

Kindergarten: Ms. Foster, Ms. Ammons

Hippity Hop spring is here!!

Have you heard about the Kindergartners earning tickets? Children earn tickets when spotted following the rules, using good manners, keeping their frog on the log all day, etc. They save their tickets until they reach their goal. Some goals include eating lunch with younger siblings, "past" teachers, or Ms. Carm and Ms. Maureen. Children also can help out in the office as office aides. Other goals include playing with siblings after school, no homework, or a special snack.

Many fun activities planned for spring:

1. Tye dye caps
2. Egg Hunt
3. Earth Week
4. Field Trips: We are going to Playhouse Square on May 5th to see "A Word is a Word". We are also going to the zoo on May 31st.
5. Special Days in June: "Read to Parents Day", Field Day, Graduation

Happy Birthday to the following Kindergarten students:

Lauren Borowski (April 5), Ryan Palyo (April 18), Jack Wu (June 2), Darrin Scott (June 3), Ms. Ammons (June 6), Ben Griebel (June 12), Lynsey Scheneman (June 17).

We would like to thank all of our parents and grandparents who helped us throughout the year. Also, we extend a big thank you to all of our parents for the donations for our care basket.

After school News:

We are learning how to play card games and learning how to take turns at playing. The Spiderman card game is a big hit with the children. Did your child come home and tell you about the April fool's joke I played on them at lunchtime? The children thought they were getting cupcakes for lunch but when they bit into the cupcake, they found out the frosting was colored mashed potatoes and the cake was actually meatloaf. We all had a big laugh!

For Earth Week, we will have lots of craft activities including designing a paper airplane to fly on the playground and planting flowers outdoors. Now that the weather is getting warmer in the mornings we will go outdoors before school starts, so please make sure your child has a jacket and hat everyday because mornings can sometimes be chilly.

Kitchen Information: Ms. Linda Ryan

Are you aware of LLF's on-going charitable efforts? Donations of non-perishable food items are taken almost daily to an Elyria Salvation Army and the "care and share box" collects books, games, toys, and clothes for area shelters and needy families. We also collect Campbell labels and distribute them to siblings' schools. In addition to these programs, our school contributes to NASA's recycling efforts. The proceeds support NASA recycle programs in the community as well as Earth Day activities here at LLF.

The new season brings a new menu of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables and a variety of meals to keep our children well fueled for active outdoor play. Parents are always welcomed to join their child(ren) for lunch. Please notify the office or kitchen (3-9431) by 9:30 am to ensure enough food is prepared. Did you know it is a BIG deal to have Mom or Dad eat lunch at school?

As a final thought, I'd like to make a request for annual flowers. If you have a few left over after sprucing up your yard, the children would have a blast planting and caring for them at school.

Thank you for all you do!! Have a wonderful spring and summer!

Out of this World Kid's Corner Activity
(idea submitted by Concha Reid)

FLUBBER

Here is a fun and easy recipe for Flubber. Try this experiment with your kids to help teach them about solids and liquids. Flubber is neither a solid nor a liquid! It is a polymer. It is very elastic. You and your kids will have a great time playing with it!

In a large container, mix: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups warm water
 2 cups glue
 Food coloring

In a small container, mix: 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups warm water
 3 teaspoons Borax (must be Borax)
 *you can find Borax in the laundry detergent aisle

Pour the smaller mixture into the larger mixture and mix with a spoon. Have children mix and knead the mixture with their hands. A tablespoon of liquid or more may be leftover. Stretch it, roll it into a ball, bounce it, and discover lots of other ways to have fun with Flubber! Keep Flubber away from carpets and hair. Use white vinegar to remove it if it sticks. Flubber can be stored in an airtight container for up to three weeks. You can divide the recipe to make smaller portions.